

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 2653**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Akihiko SHIMIZU et al.

Serial No.: 09/406,570

Group Art Unit: 2653

Date Filed: September 24, 1999

Examiner: A. Psitos

For: OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM WITH A PARTITION WALL  
BETWEEN AN INFORMATION TRACKS GROOVE AND A PREFORMAT PIT  
ENCODING INFORMATION THEREFOR

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 18, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action issued October 18, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application.

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 1, 8, 13 and 18 as marked-up in Exhibit A attached hereto, by deleting the bracketed material and inserting the underlined material. A clean copy of claims 1, 8, 13 and 18 as amended is attached hereto as Exhibit B.